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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN MINING INDUSTRY COUNCIL (AMIC) HOLDS  
CONFERENCE ON ACCESS TO MINERALS AND SECURITY OF TENURE

1. THE AMIC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN CANBERRA ON APRIL  
THIRD WAS PRECEDED BY A SEMINAR ENTITLED: "ACCESS TO  
MINERALS AND SECURITY OF TENURE".
2. THE SEMINAR WAS ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF MORE  
THAN FIFTY AUSTRALIAN AND MULTINATIONAL (INCLUDING US)  
FIRMS WITH OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA AS WELL AS BY  
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND STATE GOVERNMENTS  
CONCERNED WITH THE MINING INDUSTRY, THE ENVIRONMENT  
AND PARTICULARLY WITH THE LONG RANGE IMPLICATIONS OF RECENT  
AUSTRALIAN LEGISLATION ON THE ENVIRONMENT REQUIRING  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS BY THE MINING INDUSTRY AND  
WITH LEGISLATION AFFECTING ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS IN THE  
NORTHERN TERRITORY.

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3. THE TITLES OF PAPERS DELIVERED AND THE AUTHORS WHO  
PRESENTED THEM ARE LISTED BELOW:

SESSION 1: MINERALS FOR THE FUTURE  
MR. D.F. O'DRISCOLL, CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR,  
JODODEX AUSTRALIA PTY. LTD  
"DECLINING ACCESS TO MINERALS".

MR. B.P. WEBB, DIRECTOR, SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF  
MINES  
"SECURITY OF TENURE - A GOVERNMENT VIEW"

SESSION 2: MINING & THE ENVIRONMENT  
MR. R.B. LANSDOWN, SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT,  
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
"ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ACT"  
MR. D.T. BUCHANAN, DIRECTOR-OPERATIONS, M.I.M. HOLDINGS  
LTD.  
"MINING AND ENVIRONMENTAL INTEGRATION"

SESSION 3: ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS  
MR. D.O. HAY, SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS  
"OBJECTIVES OF THE ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN  
TERRITORY) ACT"  
MR. J. ELLISTON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF EXPLORATION,  
PEKOWALLSEND LIMITED  
"PRACTICAL EFFECTS OF THE LAND RIGHTS LEGISLATION"

4. COPIES OF THE PAPERS ARE BEING FORWARDED TO THE DEPART-  
MENT (TOGETHER WITH A SUMMARY OF FLOOR DEBATE AND COMMENTS  
BY INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN) BY AIRGRAM.

5. COMMENT: THE PAPERS DELIVERED BY INDUSTRY SPOKESMEN  
WERE ALMOST ENTIRELY AT ODDS WITH THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT  
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(AND IN SOME CASES WITH STATE) LEGISLATION AND ACTIONS BY  
EXECUTIVE AUTHORITIES AFFECTING THE MINING INDUSTRY IN  
GENERAL AND FUTURE PROSPECTS FOR PROFITABLE MINERAL  
INVESTMENTS AND DEVELOPMENTS IN PARTICULAR. PAPERS DELIVERED  
BY GOVERNMENT SPOKESMEN WERE GENERALLY CONCILIATORY.  
NEVERTHELESS, THE MORNING SESSIONS PROVOKED LIVELY EXCHANGES  
AND FLOOR DEBATE DURING THE AFTERNOON SESSION. COMMENTS BY  
INDUSTRY SPOKESMEN INCLUDING AT LEAST ONE ASSOCIATED WITH A  
MAJOR AMERICAN FIRM ARE BEING SUMMARIZED IN THE AIRGRAM  
TRANSMITTING THE SEMINAR PAPERS.  
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